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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
Provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application  
Filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/726,059
Filing Date	November 29, 2000
First Named Inventor	Alan D. Kersey
Group Art Unit	2882
Examiner Name	Krystyna Suchecki
Attorney Docket Number	WEAT/0443

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 Previously filed on August 1, 2003  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the appeal brief or Reply brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Copy of Petition to Revive Unintentionally Abandoned Application Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0443/WBP
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed

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Signature	<i>William B. Patterson</i>	Date	14 Nov 2003

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In re Application of:  
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Serial No.: 09/726,059

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For: Method and Apparatus for  
Interrogating Fiber Optic  
Sensors

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**PETITION TO REVIVE UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED  
APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)**

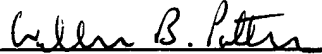
Applicants respectfully request the Commissioner to revive the above-captioned application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b). The entire delay in filing a request for continued examination (RCE), a copy of which is enclosed, and expiration of the period for reply to the Final Office Action dated April 23, 2003, until the filing of this Petition with regard to this application was unintentional.

Applicants request that this application be revived in order to proceed with the prosecution of the application.

Kindly charge the Petition Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(m) of \$1,330.00 to Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0443/WBP. To facilitate that charge, a duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed herewith.

If the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues in this application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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